

House (Kernachan House)  
County Rd. 40 (River Rd.)  
Sheffield Vicinity  
Colbert County  
Alabama

HABS No. AL-862

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STATE Alabama	COUNTY Colbert	TOWN OR VICINITY Sheffield Vicinity (Washington)
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) HOUSE		HABS NO. AL-862
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE KERNACHAN HOUSE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) South side Co. Rd. 40 (River Road) 0.1 mi. W of intersection with Co. Rd. 83 (Old Bain-bridge Rd.); 1.2 mi. due W of McKiernan Creek bridge.		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) ca. 1825	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE)  Rare surviving example of smaller dwelling which illustrates appearance on Alabama frontier of domestic architecture reflecting prototypes in Virginia and North Carolina.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Wooden frame with clapbearding		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Approximately 48'-7½" (five-bay front) x 20'4½"; one-and-a-half stories		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Center hall plan, Simple Federal-period woodwork and chairrail		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Dormers partially removed		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Deteriorated (1978)		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.)		
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